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SUBJECT: IJC COORDINATION

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING REVISED  
DRAFT LETTER TO JUTZI OR KIRSCH, GWU, EXTAFF.

2. BEGIN TEXT:  
DEAR MR. BULLARD:  
OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
CANADA WITH RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE  
COMMISSION MET IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC ON JUNE 23 AND 24 TO  
DISCUSS A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE TO IM-  
PROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE  
COMMISSION AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BILATERAL AND COMMISSION  
MACHINERY FOR ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER USE QUEST-  
IONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENTS INTEND TO  
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CONTINUE EXAMINATION OF A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS, AND, AFTER  
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS, WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THEIR CON-  
CLUSIONS WITH THE COMMISSION AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH MORE  
SYSTEMATIC CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN COMMISSION AND THE GOVERN-  
MENTS MIGHT BE FACILITATED, THE GOVERNMENTS AGREE THAT

ATTENDANCE OF COUNSEL AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION, AND OTHER COMMISSION MEETINGS TO WHICH COUNSEL ARE INVITED, AFFORDS AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMISSION IN THE EXECUTION OF ITS VARIOUS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT COUNSEL AND THE COMMISSION DURING SUCH MEETINGS HAVE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REGULAR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON MATTERS UNDER DELIBERATION BY THE COMMISSION. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY OF CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REGULARLY SCHEDULE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BROAD-RANGING DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. THE GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT SUCH REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION MIGHT BE MOST CONVENIENTLY ARRANGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMISSION'S OCTOBER AND APRIL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS, AT WHICH TIMES GOVERNMENT COUNSEL COULD MEET WITH THE COMMISSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE GOVERNMENTS WOULD APPRECIATE THE COMMISSION'S ACCOMMODATING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING IN OTTAWA, SEPTEMBER 26-30.

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APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF EACH SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING IN ORDER TO REVIEW PENDING COMMISSION BUSINESS. AS THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS PRIMARILY FOCUS ON THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION'S VARIOUS BOARDS, THE GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT THEIR ASSISTANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE OF GREATER VALUE TO THE COMMISSION IF THEY HAD ACCESS TO SUCH REPORTS AND OTHER COMMISSION DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING, IN TIME FOR REVIEW DURING SUCH BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. THE GOVERNMENTS THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING COPIES OF EACH SUCH REPORT AND DOCUMENT AVAILABLE TO COUNSEL, IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY, APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF EACH SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING. THE GOVERNMENTS HOPE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER EARLY PROVISION OF DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THE FALL 1977 MEETING INsofar AS POSSIBLE, AND WOULD HOPE THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE FULLY REFINED IN TIME FOR THE APRIL 1978 MEETING.

AN IDENTICAL LETTER IS BEING SENT TO THE CANADIAN SECTION OF THE COMMISSION BY THE CANADA DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. SINCERELY YOURS, RICHARD D. VINE, DEPUTY ASSIS-

TANT FOR CANADIAN AFFAIRS. END TEXT CHRISTOPHER

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